

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 21-28 are pending. Claims 1-20 have been canceled without prejudice and without disclaimer. New claims 21-28 have been added. No new matter has been introduced. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 21-28 are novel and patentable over Ahlstrom et al.(US 6,327,618) because, for instance, Ahlstrom et al. does not teach or suggest a job controlling method or a management computer that stores condition information for a job, compares the parameter of the job with the condition information, and outputs the result of the comparison including the inconsistency degree.

Ahlstrom et al. discloses a technology to detect a conflict among jobs (policies) indicating a process to be executed. Unlike the present invention, however, it does not teach or suggest storing a condition to a job, comparing the job with the condition, and outputting the result of the comparison including an inconsistency degree.

For at least the foregoing reasons, claims 21-28 are patentable over Ahlstrom et al.

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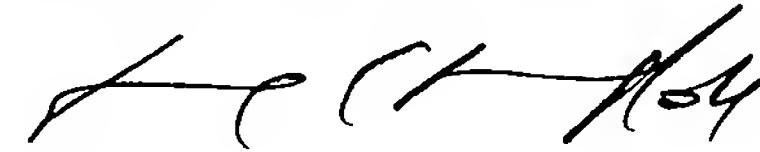
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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